

PGY2 Psychiatry Residency



Rotation Information for Residency Candidates

About The Hospital

The William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital located in Columbia, SC, which provides comprehensive health care to more than 70,000 veterans across the state of South Carolina. In addition to the main hospital, there are also 7 community-based outpatient clinics. The hospital is affiliated with the USC School of Medicine, which shares its campus with the hospital. The Pharmacy Service has affiliations with South Carolina College of Pharmacy, South University and Presbyterian College. We house five clinical practice faculty.

The WJBD VAMC is a 216 bed facility with an average daily census of 136. More than 930,000 outpatient visits were conducted in 2013. In addition to the main hospital, the campus houses a separate Psychiatry Building and Geriatrics and Extended Care Building including a Dementia Ward. The Psychiatry Building offers inpatient and outpatient services and has a separate pharmacy.

Required Experiences

Required learning experiences will include exposure to acute psychiatry services, outpatient psychiatry clinics (including tele-mental health clinic), Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) including Suboxone clinic, Clozapine clinic, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC), Primary Care/Behavioral health, Neuropsychology, and Tobacco Treatment Group. Experiences will be grouped into blocks of time with some being consecutive months, and some being longitudinal. The residents schedule will include morning and afternoon requirements for exposure to all required and elective learning experiences. A brief description of learning experiences is provided in the attached chart.

Elective Experiences

Longitudinal and rotational month elective experiences are offered to the resident. PTSD clinic, Consult Liaison/Palliative Care/Geriatric Psychiatry, Neurology Clinic, Teaching/Didactic, Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM), and pain clinic are electives available to the resident. Residents may also elect to participate in the Academic Preparation Program through the South Carolina College of Pharmacy (teaching certificate).

Didactic Coursework

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy resident has the opportunity to attend weekly didactic lectures with the psychology interns/residents throughout the year. Topics include motivational interviewing, suicide prevention, cognitive behavioral therapy and anxiety, Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model, dual diagnosis (PTSD and substance abuse), and domestic violence.

Research Project

The resident will collaborate with psychiatry preceptors to develop a clinical research project. The Residency Program Director (RPD) and research coordinator will guide and supervise the resident's research along with their primary preceptor. Residents are required to present a poster at the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual meeting. Presentation at the Southeastern Residency Conference is required as well.

Practice Management

The resident will be a standing member of the Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) team for the hospital that meets monthly. The resident will staff in the inpatient pharmacy every fifth weekend and one week night every five weeks. The resident will also participate in monthly staffing in the mental health pharmacy.

Applications Requirements: Due Jan 5—Notification of interview status: Jan 20

- 1) Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Letter of Intent
- 3) Three letters of recommendation
- 4) Transcripts
- 5) Letter from current PGY1 RPD verifying candidates eligibility for application
- 6) Onsite interview

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking -related information from any residency applicant. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test.

Website: <http://www.columbiasc.va.gov/services/pharmacy/Residency.asp>

Psychiatry Pharmacy Residency (PGY-2) Training Curriculum

Proposed Structure: WJB Dorn VAMC Mental Health Outpatient Clinic offers mental health and substance abuse treatment utilizing a multi-disciplinary staff of mental health professionals. The residency goal is to provide the trainee with exposure to comprehensive services throughout continuum of health care.

Longitudinal Learning Experiences

Tobacco Treatment Group – (Six months required)

- Work collaboratively with a psychologist to help patients quit tobacco use
- Prescribe nicotine replacement therapy in group and provide education

Clozapine Clinic – (Six months required)

- Monitor patients on a weekly to monthly basis and conduct a face-to-face visit
- Teach medication classes regarding various aspects of clozapine including side effects (e.g. sialorrhea, constipation)

Neuropsychology Clinic (Three Months Required)

- Participate in interviews conducted by the neuropsychologist by making medication recommendations for provider based on diagnosis
- Become familiar with several tools used in diagnosing PTSD, ADHD, and dementia

Didactic/Practice Management Components:

- Conduct interdisciplinary in-service series focusing on patient centered and shared decision making principles as well as MH pharmacotherapy to psychiatry staff
- Research – Completion of research project involving IRB submission approval, data collection and manuscript development
- Pharmacy Administration - Serve as a member of the PBM committee. Assist with MUE's, template development, and drug shortage updates. Assist in the review of psychiatry and neurology restricted and non-formulary medication consults
- Staffing - Pharmacy staffing for one weekend plus one week night every five weeks required. In addition, the resident will staff in the afternoon one day per month in the MH pharmacy for clozapine and Suboxone patients.
- Present research at CPNP and Southeastern Residency Conference

Substance Abuse/Addiction Medicine Clinic (SATP) - MH Integration Experience (Two Months Required)

- Facilitate individual and group therapy sessions for chemical dependency and medication management
- Work daily with substance abuse recovery team consisting of a nurse, psychiatrist and physician assistant to manage the health of patients taking naltrexone, Suboxone, acamprosate, and other psychotropics designed to decrease craving and facilitate recovery

Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic - MH Integration Experiences (Four Months Required)

- Participate in daily clinic patient interactions associated with outpatient psychiatry clinics including suicide risk reduction, tele-mental health, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC), and many other clinics requiring daily interventions. Monitor medications and provide medication recommendations for providers.
- Monitor patient labs prior to appointment and discuss with team, participate in telehealth visits, and travel to CBOCs when required
- Conduct interdisciplinary medication education classes with PRRC patients on a weekly basis and assist team with reviewing patients referred to this program if needed

Mental Health Geriatric Psychiatry (Psycho geriatrics) - MH Integration Experience (Longitudinal Elective; Three months)

- Evaluate treatment options for geriatric patients with positive depression screen and patients transitioned to the dementia ward which would require rounding with the nurse practitioner and psychology intern
- Serve as the pharmacist for consult liaison team in the community living center (CLC), hospice unit, and other medical wards
- Participate in geropsychiatry clinic with psychiatry fellow and psychiatrist for medication management

Mental Health Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic - MH Integration Experiences (Elective; One month)

- Participate in PTSD treatment and monitoring with PTSD clinical team including a psychologist that implements individual and group cognitive-behavioral treatment approaches and medication management
- Assist psychologist with intake of new patients including medication reconciliation, diagnostic interviewing, and review of records
- Co-facilitation of psychotherapy groups and psycho educational modules

Primary Care (PACT)/Behavioral health - MH Integration Experiences (Three Months Required)

- Collaboratively coordinate Psychiatry Telehealth visits with psychology and nursing within MH PACT telephone clinic for follow-up assessment/evaluation
- Work collaboratively with MH providers and psychology intern to ensure mental health screening assessment prior to therapy initiation
- Conduct patient interviews (including a mental status exam) for patients with depression, anxiety or PTSD
- Review PACT Mental Health non-formulary, restricted, and E-consults for primary care providers

Inpatient Psychiatry - MH Integration Experiences (Three Months Required)

- Participate in inpatient interprofessional care planning to determine treatment goals and improve continuity of care
- Provide medication reconciliation upon admission, discharge planning (along with medication reconciliation/counseling upon discharge), and hand-off to PACT team if applicable
- Make daily rounds with psychiatry attending and interview new patients if needed
- Lead medication education groups on the unit
- Participate in mental health medication management visits on PACT team for recently discharged patients

Mental Health Intensive Care Management (MHICM) (Elective; One month)

- Work collaboratively with the team consisting of the case manager, nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist, and pharmacist to evaluate patient therapeutic regimens; Attend treatment team rounds every Monday
- Conduct home visits if requested by team

Pain Clinic (Longitudinal elective; Three months)

- Assess, treat, and monitor patients with chronic non-malignant pain, primarily managed in the primary care setting.
- Will learn how to distinguish the important physiological, psychological and emotional differences associated with chronic, non-cancer pain
- Involved with controlled substance committee, outpatient interdisciplinary pain program (OIPP), and opioid education class



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